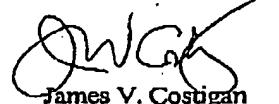


REMARKS

The claims have been amended to correct the formal matters noted in the Office Action. Claims 1 and 2 have been amended to adopt the Examiner's suggestions. Claims 7 and 8 have been amended to point out the definitions of Δx , Δy , N_t , M_r , N_e and M_e according to the specification at page 2, lines 7-9 and page 5, lines 4-16. The parenthesis in claim 9 has been removed and a comma has been inserted to clarify the text of the claim. For these reasons, it is requested that the formal objections be withdrawn.

An early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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